

As a businessman--with numerous registered copyrights--and as a consumer, I believe "A broadcast flag mandate is an ineffective solution to a non-existent problem." I oppose any such technology, because:

"...any broadcast flag mandate will impose genuine and substantial costs on consumers and innovators. It would raise the cost of DTV devices while reducing the value that they represent to consumers. It would stifle innovation in DTV and general-purpose technologies. It would abridge the First Amendment freedoms of software authors. All of this, in the end, will impede, rather than encourage, the transition to DTV."

(Quotes are from the Electronic Freedom Foundation of which I am a contributing member)

Basically the movie industry wants to inconvenience the whole world so that it can prevent a bit of potential piracy, when in fact, the amount of data involved in video storage and transmission pretty much makes network based video piracy impossible.

Thank you.

Regards,

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